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Subject: Arkwood, Inc. Superfund Site - Omaha, Arkansas  
Monthly Progress Report No. 8 - October 1992

Dear Ms. Mescher:

The following progress report is being provided by ERM-Southwest, Inc., for submission by McKesson Service Merchandising Co. ("MMI"), formerly Mass Merchandisers, Inc., in accordance with Section IX.B.1 of the proposed Consent Decree. This report is to be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and to the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology ("State").



Actions taken towards achieving compliance with the proposed Consent Decree:

1. General description of Work (as defined in the Consent Decree) activities commenced or completed during the reporting period:
  - a. October 9: ERM-Southwest mobilized to the Arkwood site for the Predesign Studies phase of the Work Plan on September 25 and demobilized on October 9.

Activities during this period included collection of samples to be analyzed for use in the further delineation of affected areas, evaluation of the field test kits and in the correlation of PCP/c-PNAs/dioxin ratios.
  - b. Design of the pilot sieve and wash system continued during this reporting period. Pilot system equipment procurement was begun during this period as well.
  - c. Development of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) continued during this reporting period.
2. Data received during the reporting period:

Preliminary laboratory results of the predesign sampling program became available. Final copies of these reports will be included with the November progress report when laboratory QA/QC has been completed.

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No other data was received during this reporting period.

3. Work activities projected to be commenced or completed during the next three reporting periods:

a. November 1992

- 1) Evaluation of the field test kits is scheduled for November 5 and 6 at the offices of ERM-Southwest in Houston. Cindy Kaleri of EPA Region 6 is scheduled to be present as well as a representative from Weston.
- 2) The sieve and wash pilot system is scheduled to be mobilized to the Arkwood site during the first part of the November and the actual pilot operation will begin around November 16. The pilot study demonstration for EPA is tentatively scheduled for November 19. The pilot system will be demobilized shortly thereafter.
- 3) Samples will be taken during the sieve and wash pilot for the incineration characterization study.
- 4) Final analytical results of the first round of predesign sampling activities will be received during November. As results become available, additional analyses will be ordered as described in the Work Plan.
- 5) Correlation of PCP/c-PNAs/dioxin ratios is scheduled to be completed after a sufficient quantity of acceptable results of the predesign sampling activities are available.



b. December 1992

Work will continue on development of the PER.

c. January 1993

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4. Problems encountered or anticipated in commencing or completing the Work activities:

No problems have been encountered or are anticipated at this time.

Sincerely,

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